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SUBJECT: EXTRADITION - GEORGE BROWN ET AL

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1. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED LETTERS FROM MELVIN AND  
JEAN MCNAIR CO-DEFENDANTS OF GEORGE BROWN, RAISING SOME  
OF THE SAME QUESTIONS WHICH LATTER RAISED IN HIS LETTER  
TO THE AMBASSADOR QUOTED IN REFTEL.

2. TEXT OF THESE TWO LETTERS READS AS FOLLOWS:

LETTER DATED AUGUST 22, 1977 FROM MELVIN MCNAIR:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I AM A POLITICAL PRISONER IN FRANCE. I HYJACKED A  
D.C. 8 AIRPLANE FROM DETROIT, MICHIGAN TO ALGIERS  
ALGERIA IN JULY OF 1972 TO PROTEST AGAINST THE  
RACISM AND POLITICAL REPRESSION IN THE UNITED STATES  
AND THE GOVERNMENT'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE VIET NAM  
WAR. ON THE 26 OF MAY 1976 I WAS ARRESTED BY THE  
FRENCH GOVERNMENT ON AN INTERNATIONAL MANDATE.  
BEING THAT I WAS NOT EXTRADICTED ON A DEMAND BY THE  
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT I AM TO BE JUDGED IN  
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FRANCE.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER IS THAT I WOULD LIKE FOR  
YOU (AMERICAN EMBASSY IN PARIS) TO PLEASE SEND ME A  
STATEMENT OF WHAT MY LEGAL STATUS IN THE UNITED  
STATES WILL BE AFTER I AM JUDGED IN FRANCE.

I WOULD APPRECIATE VERY MUCH A REPLY AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE. I AM ALSO SENDING A COPY OF THIS LETTER  
TO MY LAWYER.

THANK YOU. (SIGNED) MELVIN MCNAIR

LETTER DATED AUGUST 21, 1977 FROM MRS. JEAN C. MCNAIR:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

AT PRESENT, I AM ONE OF 4 POLITICAL PRISONERS, BEING  
HELD AT MAISON D'ARRET FEMMES - FLEURY-MEROGIS, ON  
THE DEMAND OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, ON THE CHARGE  
OF HIJACKING AN AIRPLANE JULY 31, 1972 FROM MIAMI  
VIA BOSTON TO ALGIERS.

COULD YOU PLEASE INFORM ME OF WHAT WILL BE MY LEGAL  
STATUS, IN THE UNITED STATES, AFTER WE HAVE BEEN  
JUDGED HERE?

A COPY OF THIS LETTER HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO OUR  
LAWYERS.

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THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE, MME. JEAN C. MCNAIR

3. SINCE IT APPEARS THAT ALL THESE LETTERS HAVE BEEN  
STIMULATED BY THE HIGHJACKERS' LAWYERS, THE EMBASSY  
CANNOT HELP BUT CONCLUDE THAT THE LATTER SEEK SOME

ADVANTAGE FOR THEIR CLIENTS IN HAVING AN OFFICIAL REPLY  
FROM THE EMBASSY ON THE SUBJECTS ABOUT WHICH THEY  
INQUIRE.

4. IN PARTICULAR THE LETTERS FROM THE MCNAIRS ARE AIMED  
AT ASCERTAINING WHAT THEIR LEGAL STATUS WILL BE IN THE  
UNITED STATES AFTER THEY ARE JUDGED IN FRANCE. IN  
ORDER TO ASSIST US IN REPLYING TO THESE LETTERS THE  
EMBASSY WOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW WHAT THEIR SITUATION  
WOULD BE IF THEY WERE TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES  
EITHER UNDER THE HYPOTHESIS THAT THEY ARE JUDGED GUILTY  
OF HIGHJACKING BY A FRENCH COURT, OR IF THEY ARE JUDGED  
INNOCENT. IN EITHER HYPOTHESIS, WOULD THE PRINCIPLE OF  
DOUBLE JEOPARDY PREVENT US FROM TRYING THEM IF THEY  
WERE TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES AFTER HAVING BEEN  
TRIED IN FRANCE?

5. BEFORE REPLYING TO ANY OF THESE THREE LETTERS WE  
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WOULD LIKE LEGAL GUIDANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT.  
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